



FRIENDS TO FRIENDS

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Salem, Seneca,
Walhalla, Westminster.
Bookmobile

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President's Message – from Barbara Askew

I guess that I might as well get the doom and gloom out of the way first and express in no uncertain terms how disappointed everyone connected with the Oconee County Public Library System is at the failure of the Referendum to pass. Those on the Library Board of Trustees, the Friends of the Library (FOL), the Referendum Committee and the voters who **do** support the needs of our kids, the unemployed, those without home computers, teachers and those who simply know the importance of bringing our libraries into the 21st Century, heard or read of the defeat with a sense of disbelief and incredulity. Will it be another 29 years before the County sees the need? We've vowed to keep on fighting for the various projects that would have benefited. But it is ultimately up to the people living

here to make it happen. Will the county continue to lose jobs, have a stagnant housing market and fall behind our neighbors in library services and therefore, education?

Following the disappointment of the failed vote, it was an absolute pleasure to turn our thoughts to the Duke Energy Festival of Trees to be held November 24 - January 3. Twenty-two trees have been

decorated by local businesses and organizations and are on display for public viewing (free of charge) in the lobby of the World of Energy. Both Friends of the Library and the Oconee County Public Library have trees on display. Please come and vote for us - the tree with the most votes will win a \$1000 Duke Energy grant for the charity of their choice!



Ellen Plumpe, Barbara Askew and Michael and Jane Clark admire the FOL tree they just finished decorating.

Also in keeping with the season, Friends will again offer Gift Cards (in the amount chosen by the giver) to be redeemed at any FOL book sale - good for one year from date of purchase.

Membership in Friends continues to grow slowly but steadily. Please encourage your friends and

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Welcome to these new members:

Kyra Carbone	Seneca
Jane A. Fisher	Seneca
Janice & Howard Jones	Salem
Sian McDonald	West Union
Drs. Diane G. & Webb M. Smathers	Westminster

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President's Message (Cont'd)

neighbors to join. Our purpose, as stated in the Constitution, is *to encourage and promote an interest in the role of the Library in serving Oconee County's cultural, educational*

and recreational needs and to focus public attention on and stimulate use of the Library resources and services.

Bart

All readers are not leaders, but all leaders are readers.

President Harry S. Truman

Help Wanted by Friends of the Library

If you like to write and are comfortable with e-mailing, you would be a great asset to the Publicity Chairperson for FOL. Volunteer work can be done at the comfort of your own computer desk. Contact Jean Mercer at 864-314-2133.

Interested in helping to assemble bags for the Read To Me program and to assist with coordinating the program that gives books to every newborn at Oconee Memorial Hospital?

When? Every other month

How long? 2 to 3 hours

Where? Walhalla Library - lower level

Contact? Su Hannon at jimsu2@charter.net

Biker Chicks



On October 23rd, the OCPL staff held a dinner for the library volunteers. The theme was "Motorcycles" and everyone showed up in their best "biker" gear. We even had a group of bikers there with their motorcycles. Janice Lovinggood, Volunteer Coordinator, did a superb job as usual.

Let's Talk About It

The current session will wrap up on December 11th. There has not been a decision on next spring's LTAI choice at this time. Most all choices will be repeats, so we will pick a couple and bring

them to the attendees at the final session. Those on the list will be notified by e-mail and there will more information in the Spring newsletter.

Holiday Shopping

Come to the Friends Book Sale on December 11 from 9 AM to 5 PM in the basement of the Walhalla Library for great prices on books, DVDs, books on CDs, and puzzles to give as gifts this holiday season. Can't make that day, check out the books for sale in the Walhalla lobby (all books there are \$3) and the books for sale at the Seneca Library (also \$3 each).

Actually, you can shop for gifts at anytime during

the year at our regular monthly book sale which are held on the second Thursday of each month from 9 AM to 5 PM in the basement level of the Walhalla Branch.

Special Saturday book sales will be held on the following dates in 2015 from 9 AM to 12:30 PM:

January 24

July 25

April 25

October 24

Library News

Walhalla Branch: We would like to welcome Emily Embry as the new Branch Manager at the Walhalla Library. Emily is coming to us from Crater Lake National Park in Oregon where she was the Librarian for the Crater Lake Science & Learning Center. Emily earned her Master's degree in Library Science from the University of North Texas in 2013 and has a background in Museums and Archives. While living in Texas she served as the Project & Tour Coordinator for The Women's Museum, as well as working for The Hockaday School as the Archives Manager during its Centennial celebration. Although she is new to the area, Emily has lived in the South Carolina low country where her family is from, and where she attended middle school and part of high school.

Westminster Branch: There is a new phone number for the Westminster Library - 864-364-5760. Even if we get a 647 phone number, it will just redirect to the 364 number so the 364-5760 will always work.

Upcoming Events at the Westminster:

December 22nd at 6 PM - Family Movie Night: Guardians of the Galaxy (rated pg-13) with fresh hot popcorn.

December 15th at 6:00 PM - Christmas Family Fun Night. There will be:

Pictures with Santa (b.y.o. camera or we will take a picture for you).

Make a family picture frame and mini gingerbread house.

Try to win a yummy treat in the Fruit Cakewalk.

Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest - Raid the closet, shop some thrift stores or get creative and make your own ugly Christmas sweater and compete in our contest. The more creative and ugly the better.

One grand prize will be awarded in each age group; ages birth to 10, ages 11 to 17, and 18 and older.

Christmas Trivia Contest - Play solo or with your family to compete against others to see who knows the most about Christmas songs, movies, and traditions. A grand prize will be awarded to the winning person or team.

Door prizes throughout.

Prizes are graciously given by the Friends of the Library (we are waiting to hear back from others).



December 31st at 11:30 AM - New Year's Eve Party - Come listen to stories, make a New Year Wishing Wand, enjoy a light lunch of ham and cheese kabobs and midnight kisses, and count down to 2015 at noon with a balloon release.

Book Recommendation - *The Warmth of Other Suns*

Barb Askew, Ellen Plumpe and Judy Adelberg (whom we are sorry to say has moved to Greenville and will be sorely missed) thought this book was terrific. For a non-fiction work, this reads like a novel page turner. Below are two professional reviews.

The New York Times Book Sunday Review calls *The Warmth of Other Suns* by Isabel Wilkerson a narrative epic "rigorous enough to impress all but the crankiest of scholars, yet so immensely readable as to land the author a future place on [Oprah](#)'s couch." This book is a "massive and masterly account of the Great Migration" of three generations of blacks out of the Jim Crow south.

According to "Goodreads" *The Warmth of Other Suns* is a bold, remarkable, and riveting work, a superb account of an "unrecognized immigration" within our own land. Through the breadth of its narrative, the beauty of the writing, the depth of its research, and the fullness of the people and lives portrayed herein, this book is destined to become a classic.

Your Library's Branches

(Hours subject to change)

Walhalla Branch (Main Library)

501 West South Broad St., Walhalla, SC 29691

Phone: 864-638-4133

Hours: Monday and Tuesday 9 AM to 9 PM
Wednesday – Friday 9 AM to 6 PM
Saturday 9 AM to 1 PM
Sunday* 2 PM to 5:30 PM*

*during school year only

Seneca Branch

300 East South Second St., Seneca, SC 29678

Phone: 864-882-4855

Hours: Monday through Thursday 9 AM to 8 PM
Friday 9 AM to 6 PM
Saturday 9 AM to 4 PM
Sunday CLOSED

Westminster Branch

112 West North Ave., Westminster, SC 29693

Phone: 864-364-5760

Hours: Monday 11:30 PM to 8 PM
Tuesday – Friday 10 AM to 6 PM
Saturday 9 AM to 1 PM
Sunday CLOSED

Salem Branch

5 Park Ave., Salem, SC 29676

Phone: 864-944-0912

Hours: Monday 10 AM to 6 PM
Tuesday – Friday 8:30 AM to 5 PM
Saturday & Sunday CLOSED

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Benefactor | \$100+/year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Lifetime | \$500 |

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